

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Case No. 1:01-CR-18

v.

GIOVANNI DAVILA

ORDER ON MOTION FOR
SENTENCE REDUCTION UNDER
18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)
(COMPASSIONATE RELEASE)

Upon motion of the defendant the Director of the Bureau of Prisons for a reduction in sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), and after considering the applicable factors provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and the applicable policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

GRANTED

The defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment of _____ is reduced to _____. If this sentence is less than the amount of time the defendant already served, the sentence is reduced to a time served; or

Time served.

If the defendant's sentence is reduced to time served:

This order is stayed for up to fourteen days, for the verification of the defendant's residence and/or establishment of a release plan, to make appropriate travel arrangements, and to ensure the defendant's safe release. The defendant shall be released as soon as a residence is verified, a release plan is established, appropriate travel arrangements are made,

and it is safe for the defendant to travel. There shall be no delay in ensuring travel arrangements are made. If more than fourteen days are needed to make appropriate travel arrangements and ensure the defendant's safe release, the parties shall immediately notify the court and show cause why the stay should be extended; or

- There being a verified residence and an appropriate release plan in place, this order is stayed for up to fourteen days to make appropriate travel arrangements and to ensure the defendant's safe release. The defendant shall be released as soon as appropriate travel arrangements are made and it is safe for the defendant to travel. There shall be no delay in ensuring travel arrangements are made. If more than fourteen days are needed to make appropriate travel arrangements and ensure the defendant's safe release, then the parties shall immediately notify the court and show cause why the stay should be extended.
- The defendant must provide the complete address where the defendant will reside upon release to the probation office in the district where they will be released because it was not included in the motion for sentence reduction.
- Under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), the defendant is ordered to serve a "special term" of probation or supervised release of ___ months (not to exceed the unserved portion of the original term of imprisonment).
- The defendant's previously imposed conditions of supervised release apply to the "special term" of supervision; or

- The conditions of the “special term” of supervision are as follows:
 - The defendant’s previously imposed conditions of supervised release are unchanged.
 - The defendant’s previously imposed conditions of supervised release are modified as follows:
 - DEFERRED pending supplemental briefing and/or a hearing. The court DIRECTS the United States Attorney to file a response on or before _____, along with all Bureau of Prisons records (medical, institutional, administrative) relevant to this motion.

DENIED after complete review of the motion on the merits.

FACTORS CONSIDERED (Optional)

Mr. Davila's motion presents a close call. Mr. Davila's serious medical condition, as well as the fact that people in his facility have already died of COVID-19, shows he faces a concrete and reasonable fear, beyond pure speculation, of contracting and dying from COVID-19 while in prison. He has thus shown an extraordinary and compelling circumstance. Turning to the § 3553(a) factors, however, the court finds the interests of society strongly militate against permitting Mr. Davila to leave. Mr. Davila sold heroin to teenagers, and, after learning that his heroin killed one and caused another to go into a coma, his only response was to try hiding from the police while he continued selling drugs. Mr. Davila thus exhibited a callous disregard for the dangers to human life that his conduct inflicted upon people. While he has served a substantial amount of time, and has faced no disciplinary punishment in prison, he has not shown the type of remarkable change in character needed to justify him leaving his sentence early. Thus, for the sake of protecting the public from further danger, and to ensure Mr. Davila appreciates the consequences he must face for his crimes, the court will deny his motion for compassionate release.

DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE because the defendant has not exhausted all administrative remedies as required in 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), nor have 30 days lapsed since receipt of the defendant's request by the warden of the defendant's facility.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 19, 2020

/s/ Sylvia H. Rambo

Sylvia H. Rambo
United States District Judge
Middle District of Pennsylvania